



## Christian Education Resource centre

And

## Women's Studies

Dear partners and friends,

Heartfelt greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through God's grace and your help, we were able to hold our training event for the Iraqi lay leaders who came to NEST for their theological training to be better able to serve in their churches and communities.

Our dear Iraqi brothers and sisters were 10 in number and they came from Baghdad, Basra and Karkouk Presbyterian churches.

1. BUSHRA BADEEL HAM OO
2. IKHLAS MIKHAEL KIRYAKOS BOUTROS
3. AEDAH YALDA ELIAS KHOSHEE
4. KHAWLE ARAB ABDE AL- HASO
5. JASLEEN AGHAJAN DANIEL
6. BALSAM ANESS HANNA MARINA
7. BAHNAM MATTI ESHAQ AL-HAJI
8. SARMAD ELIAS KOUDHER BURAO
9. BALSAM BAHNAM MATTI
10. HIND SAMUEL ELIAS HINDO



They participated in two consecutive training events,

- A. **'Theological Training for Iraqi Lay leadership'**. This program was prepared especially for them which was a foundational theological training as it is realized that this kind of basic Biblical and theological sessions are very much needed for the lay leaders who have no theological training background yet are in leadership roles within the church. Our sessions were divided in the following manner.

- a. **Basics of using the Bible to teach and preach I & II, presented by Rev, Suhail Saoud**



- b. **Introduction to the Old Testament I & II by Rev. Dr. Hady Ghantous**



- c. **Introduction to the New Testament I & II by Dr. Johnny Awwad**



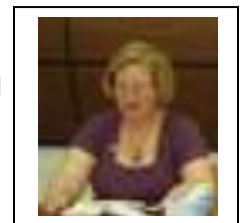
- d. **Introduction to Christian Doctrines I & II by Dr. George Sabra**



- e. **Church History I & II by Rev. Dr. Habib Badr**



We also started our day with worship and meditation which were led by Dr. Mary Mikhael and Rev. Adib Awad.



**B. 'First Corinthians: Its Rhetoric and Culture' , Presented by Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey.** This seminar was part of the Continuing Education of NEST Alumni and our brothers and sisters from Iraq participated at this seminar also. We also provided translation into Arabic for them.



Dr. Kenneth E. Bailey

Our Iraqi Participants at  
The Continuing Education Seminar



The Continuing Education Seminar  
Participants including our Iraqi trainees

Both these seminars were much appreciated by our dear Iraqi leaders who in their evaluations suggested that we organize more such trainings as they learned a lot from each segment of the sessions presented by our speakers. They asked that there would be more trainings so that they would be better able to serve in their churches and communities to be shining lights in the darkness that surrounds them.

Their enthusiastic faith, hope and trust in God encouraged us even more to help them be true lights in Iraq.

I wish to thank you again for your fervent prayers and support for such essential trainings.

May God bless you as you have become a source of blessing to our Iraqi lay leaders.

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